An Independent Pennsylbania Journal for the Home Circle.

Anonymous Letters.

Sometimes this is, as we have said,

ble to calculate the injury to sensitive

feelings and the other evils it may and

does occasion. In such case what is

written is generally untrue, or, worse

still, a perversion of some partial truth.

It was a good caution to his son by a

wise old man, who was himself very fond

of fun, never to write a joke, as it might

so easily get into the wrong bands, or

come at a wrong time, when the eye of

the joker could not see the mischief done

nor his tongue repair it. But to write a

perversion of facts, even for fun, often

produces results that no gentleman would

willingly be guilty off. More quarrels

and duels have eventuated from the poi-

son thus insinuated into the mind than

One of the best anecdotes recorded o

George IV., when Prince of Wales, was

his kind manner of defeating a trick of

the kind referred to. A very vain man

received a card of invitation to dine with

him. It was so regularly drawn up,

though a hoax, that it secured him ad-

mission. But when the Prince came to

see his guests, he discovered that "there

was one mistake ;" and on producing his

card this was still more clear. But the

Prince insisted on his remaining, on the

ground that every gentleman was wel-

come to his house, and so the trick was

can be well conceived.

## BY FRED'K L. BAKER.

## MARIETTA, PA., SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 1867.

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TERMS.

Advertisements will be inserted at the such cases there is perhaps less guilt, following rates : One square, ten lines especially in young and thoughtless peror less. 75 cents for the first insertion, sons, than when the offence is committed or three times for \$1:50. Professionby older persons. But is it ever right? al or Business Cards, of six lines or less, It is occassionally done blayfully as a \$5 a-year. Notices in the reading colpractical joke ; sometimes even n friend umns, ten cents a-line; general advertisements seven cents a line for the first ship, to warn an innocent person of iminsertion, and for every additional in- pending danger; sometimes to prevent the perpetration of a wrong; but most sertion. four cents. A liberal deducfrequently the whole thing is the off. tion made to yearly advertisers.

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## Seasons.

O the cheerful budding time ! When thorn-hedges turn to green, When new leaves of clm and lime Cleave and shed their winter screen ; Tender lambs are born and " bar," North winds find no snow to bring, Vigorous Nature laughs " Ha, ha," In the miracle of spring.

O the gorgeous blossom days ! When broad flag-flowers drink and blow, In and out in summer blaze Dragon flies flash to and fio; Ashen branches hang out keys, . Oaks put forth the rosy shoot, Wandering herds wax sleek at ease, Lovely blossoms end in trust.

O the shouting harvest weeks ! Mother earthigrown fat with sheaves Thrifty gleaner finds who seeks; Russet golden pomp of leaves Crowns' the woods, to fall at length ; Bracing winds are felt to stir, Ocean gathers up her strength,

Beasts renew their dwindled fur. O the starving winter lapse 1 Ice-bound, hunger-pinched and dim ;

Dormant roots recall their saps, Empty nests show black and grim, Short-lived sunshine gives no heat, Undue buds are nipped by frost, Snow sets forth a winding sheet,

And all hope of life scems lost.

defeated. Even in cases of this kind A MIXIN' OF BABIES - An exchange gets off the following funny row emong there is more or less of envy, jealousy The lowest selling price marked in figures on the babies and their mothers : Some or malice, and frequently not a little time ago there was a density not a little up "North ;" most of the ladies present had little babies, whose noisy preversity | tion assumes the character, not of a joke, required too much attention to permit but of seriousness, it is a much more rep the mothers to enjoy the dance. A number of gallant young men volunteered to is all strictly true, a question at once watch the young ones while the parents suggests itself as to the motive-why be indulged in a "break down." No sooner ashamed to avow authorship, unless it had the women left the babies in charge is something the writer has no right to of the mischevious imps than they stripp communicate? Perhaps it is told only You mean, you can't afford not to mared the infants, changed their clothes, to wound in a most dastardly cruel mangiving the apparel of one to another. ner. But they who will do this seldom The dance over, it was time to go home, confine themselves to the truth. They and the mothers hurriedly took each a cannot if they would. Their jaundiced dress of her own and started some to their home, ten or fifteen miles off and were far on their way before daylight. But the day following, there was a tremendous row in the settlement; mothers discovered that a single night had changed the sex of their babies-observation him with suspicions of many of his disclosed physical phenomena, and then friends. commenced some of the tallest female pedestrianism. Living miles apart it required two days to unmix the babies, and as many mouths to restore the women to their sweet dispositions. To this an i, or some such trivial peculiarities day it is unsafe for any one of the baby | may afford a clue. Much less can a permixers to venture into the territory. A good wife is one who puts her husband in at the side of the bed next to the wall, and tucks him to keep him warm in the winter; splits the wood, makes the fire in the morning, washes her husband's face, and draws on his boots for him; never scolds, never, suffers a rent to remain in, her husband's small clothes; keeps her shoes up at the heel and her stockings darned ; never wonders what he sees interesting in the young woman who lives across the way, and always reproves the children when they eat their father's supper.

himself on the wrong man. In fact the room to your house, and buy the fast community is barrased, insulted, divided, borse that Black and White and all the and justice defeated, perhaps by a little rest of the "fellows" covet. Wait, and want of candor and courage on the part think whether you can afford it-whether your outstanding bills are all paid of one person.

But there is one description of evils and your liabilities fully met, and all that should be always borne in mind by | the chances and changes of life duly the person who sits down deliberately provided for. Wait, and ask yourself how you would like, ten years from now to write an anonymous letter intended to see your fair wife struggling with to make trouble. It may destroy the poverty, your children shabby and want love and confidence existing between stricken, and yourself a miserable hangparent and child or husband and wife. It may utterly destroy the happiness of er-on round corner groceries and onewhole families, and break up homes that horse gambling saloons. You thinkthat is impossible ; do you remember were peaceful and joyful until the perwhat Hazael said to the seer of old : "Is nicious anonymous letter was received. The circle of mischief, discord and tron- thy servant a dog that he should do ble is always widening in such cases, this thing ?" Wajt, merchapt, before you tell the and it is thus impossible for the writer

pale-faced boy from the country "that to calculate all the evil and crime which their malicious letter may set in motion. you can do nothing for him." You can do something for him; you can give him The lines that ran so glibly from their pen may have for their final catastrophes a word of encouragement, a word of rdvice. There was a time once, when you such fearful events as suicide or murder. were young, and poor, and friendless ! Have you forgotton it already ?" Wait, blue-eyed lassie; wait awhile before you say "yes" to the dashing without you. Wait until you have ascertained "for sure and for certain" as the children say, that the cigar and the

and where that is out of the question

Wait !

gentle with your little sisters, and a true Wait a moment, young man, before loving wife to you, instead of a mere you throw that money down on the bar puppet who lives on the breath of fashand demand a glass of brandy and water. ion and excitement, and regards the Ask yourself if twenty-five cents\_cannot sunny side of Broadway as second only be better' invested in something else. to Elysium ! As a general thing, people Put it back in your pocket, and give it are in too great a hurry in this world, to the little cripple who sells matches we say, wait, wait !- Phrenological Jour. on the corner. Take our word for it nal. you will not be sorry !

Wait, madame-think twice before von decide on that hundred dollar shaw i A hundred dollars is a great deal of money ; one dollar is a great deal, when people once consider the amount of good it will accomplish, in careful hands. Your husband's business is uncertain ; there is a financial crisis close at hand. Who knows what that hun dred dollars may be to you yet?

Wait, sir, before you buy that gaudy amethyst breast pin you are surveying

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Taste not the Wine.

" Taste not the wine within the cup, Let not that curse be thine, 'Tis rich and red, but grief and wos Are hid its rosy depths below."

For many years the awful evils of intemperance have been published, able writers, eloquent speakers have been engaged in portraying the evils, but still it continues, blasting the hopes of parents, filling our jails, hospitals and alms houses, causing the bitter tears of wives and children, once happy, to flow, with awful groans and aching hearts. The cause of Temperance has, in many instances, made happy homes that was once gloomy and sad. But a great deal is yet to be done, and who is willing to lend a helping hand to overturn this "mass of sin ?" I call upon children to come to the rescue. They can tear up the "Upas tree" by the roots. Let the little hands go to work, and then with a

" long pull, a strong pull and a pull altogether" the tree of death must come out, and lay before the public grave a withering curse; showing what united little hands do. Hear what a "reformed drunkard" once said before a " Band of Hope Temperance Society": "I have come twelve miles to attend this meeting, yet I do not value my time, I feel rewarded by what I see around me. My friends. I have seen more of the world than most of you. I have trod the streets of proud old London ; and the winds of distant ludia have fanned these furrowed cheeks of mine. My keel has been upon every sea, and my name upon every tongue. Heave blessed me with one of the best of wivesand my children; oh, why should I speak of them. My home was once a paradise. But I bowed, like a brute, to the killing cup-my eldest son tore himself away from his degraded father. and has never returned. My young heart's idol, my beloved and suffering wife, has gone broken hearted to her grave. And my lovely daughter, whose image I seem to see in the beautiful around me, once my pride and my hope, pined away in sorrow and mourning, because her father was a drunkard, and now she sleeps by her mother's side. Meu may live in a crowd but they But I still live to tell the history of my shame, and the ruin of my family. I still Murmurs of the tied-married people's live, and stand befor you to offer up my

heart's fervent gratitude to my heavenly

what ought to be known is the best mode, the true policy is silence.

How the writers of such epistles would shrink back in afright if they could foresee such results ! Therefore we say that ! no person should write anonymoue letters under any circumstances; certainly young fellow who says he can't live no good, brave or wise man or woman should descend to such work. In almost all cases where such secret communicawine-bottle, and the card table are not tions are usually made from proper moto be your rivals in his heart; a little tives, a frank and avowed disclosure of delay won't hurt him-just see if it will !

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The following toast was given at a printer's supper :

"The Printer-independent as a woodsawyer's clerk, proud as Lucifer, poor ceiving the attention the traths it con- love! as Job's turkey, and the personification tains would naturally demand. Even of intelligence."

A widow lady, sitting by a cheerful fire in a meditative mood, shortly after her husband's decease, sighed out: "Poor fellow ! how he did like a good fire ! I hope he has gone where they keep good fires."

six thousand years, and few have learnt, that some one did it, and may suspect til experience teaches you, so wait bethat their fellow-beings are as them- twenty of his best friends; really become fore you sheer at the old maid.

But when the anonymous communica-

rehensible matter. Even if what is said eyes will discolor everything, and the person written to has no means of proving or disproving for himself what is said. If the recipient is a wise man, therefore, he takes no notice of it in action, although it may and must torment from his mother, and hide away his

Sooper or later the author is almost certainly to be detected. No one can so disguise even their own handwriting

but that the crossing of a t or the dot of son disguise circumstances. When Pro- ber the nights she sat up with the little fessor Webster was tried for the murder babe that died ; remember the love and of Dr. Parkman, a considerable portion of the evidence that brought home the that long fit of illness ; do you think crime to him, was the various anonymous | she is made of cast iron? Wait-wait attempts he had made to divert the in silence and forbearance, and the light search into wrong directions.

The only plausible case of justifiable anonymous communication is where the party writing acts from deep friendship, to put some innocent person on his guard | home late, and weary, and "out of sorts." and further justice, having no malignity | He has worked for you all day long; he against any one. But this will rarely has wrestled, hand to hand, with Care be believed, and then why not avow au- and Selfishness and Greed, and all the ing but balls in their heads. thorship? Nothing but some great demons that follow in the train of monpersonal danger to the author could jus- ey-making. Let home be another ai-The want of an authority ought general. there is one place in the world where ly to prevent such a communication re- he can find peace, and quiet, and perfect I have just set the jewel."

in war friendly information so conveyed ought to be of facts, all easily and clearly ascertainable, their own vouchers-not

so earnestly through the jeweler's plate glass windows. Keep your money for

another piece of jewelry-a plain gold wedding-ring made to fit a rosy fluger that you wot of. A shirt neatly ironed, and stockings darned like lace work, are better than gilt brooches and flaming amethysts. You can't afford to marry ? ry ? Wait, and think the matter over ! Wait, mother, before you speak harshly to the little chubby rogue who has torn his apron and soiled his white Marseilles jacket. He is only a child, and "mother" is the sweetest word in all the world to him. Needle and thread and soapends will repair all damages now, but il you once teach him to shrink

childish faults, that damage cannot be repaired ! Wait, husband, before you wonder audibly, why your wife don't get along with family cares and household responsibilities "as your mother did." She is doing her best-and no woman can endure that best to be slighted, Rememcare she bestowed on you when you had

will come back to her eyes, the old light of the old days ? Wait, wife, before you speak reproach-

fully to your husband when he comes

Wait, bright young girls, before you arch your pretty eyebrows, and whisper "old maid" as the quiet figure steals by, with silver in its bair and crows-feet inferences or reasoning or surmises, with- round the eyes. It is hard enough to out name or proof. There is one evil in lose life's gladness and elasticity-it is almost : Il cases of aconymous communi- hard enough to see youth drifting away, cation that cannot be averted-i. e. that [without adding to the bitter cup one the wrong person is for a time so often [drop of scorn 1 You do not know what the expression, "I believe your grace suspected. He who receives it knows she has endured, you never can know un-

attanined from any of them. or revenge Wait, sir, before yon add a billiard. better than a dozen ?"

Female gymnastics-jumping at offer.

And wait, my friend in the brown

moustache; don't commit yourself to

Laura Matilda, until you are sure that

she will be kind to your old mother, and

Stuff for Smiles.

Spiritual Manifestations .- Pimples on

A social posy-the dandy lion.

toper's nose.

must die alone.

complaints.

The oldest case of lunacy-time out of mind.

When a pickpocket pulls at your watch, tell him plainly that you have no time to spare.

When you give a piece of your mind take care it's not the biggest piece.

A delighted hearer observed of a very brilliant talker that the flash of his wit was followed close by the peal of applause.

Why is the Great Eastern like a new born babe? Because she is going to Breat (breast) for the first time. \*

Why is a dishonest bankrupt like an honest poor man? Because both fail to get rich.

How does the Irish Cupid inflict his wounds? With his "Arrah, be jabers." "If." as the post says. "beauty draws us with a single hair," then what-ob. tell us what !-- must be the effect of a modern chianon?

Could anything be neater than the negro's reply to a young lady whom he offered to lift over a gutter? "Lor, missus" said he, "I'm used to lifting barrels of sugar."

"Biddy, did you put an egg into the were so bad, I had to use the more of them." Biddy was cleared out.

A surgical journal speaks of a man who lived five years with a ball in his head. Job Squires says he has known ladies to live twice that long with noth-

A lady wished a seat. A portly hand some gentleman brought one and seated tify a concealment by an honorable man. mosphere entirely; let him feel that her. "Oh, you are a jewel," said she. "Oh, no," replied he, "I am a jeweller

> " Look here, boy," said a gentleman to an urchin, who was munching sugar candy at a lecture, "you are annoying me very much." "No, I ain't neither." paid the urchin, "I'm a gnawing this ere candy."

> George III. speaking to the Arclbishop Sutton of his large family, used has better than a dozen ?" "No; sire!" replied the Archbishop, "only eleven." "Well,' replied the King, "is not that

Father, that I have been snatched from the brink of the drunkard's grave. I live to be a sober man. And while I live, I shall struggle to restore my wandering brethren again to the bosom of society. This form of mine is wasting and bending under the weight of years. But my young friends, you are just blooming icto life; the places of your fathers and mothers will soon be vacant. See that you come up to fill them with pure hearts and anointed lips. Bind the blessed pledge firmly to your hearts; and be it the Shibboleth of life's warfare !"

Here we have something to cheer us in our labor of love. Come Father, come Mother, bring your children to sign the pledge. Let this be done, and it will not be long before the darkness and woe that Intemperance has brought upon us shall, be dissipated with the bright sun of peace and prosperity. Then the shouts of those snatched from a drunkard's grave shall go up, causing the hearts of all who labored hard and long, in the good cause, to be made glad. J. M. C.

"Your handwriting is very bad indeed," said a gentleman to a young collegs friend, who was more addicted to boating and cricketing than to hard coffee to settle it ?" " I put in four, they study ; "you really ought to learn to write better," "Ay, ay !" returned the young man, "it is well enough for you to tell me that ; but if I were to write bet. ter, people would be finding out how I spell."

> An editor, hailing from the Badger State, makes his appeal for symp thy :----We cannot help thinking how much easier an editor's life might be made if his generous patrons could only hear his 'better half' scraping at the bottom of the flour barrel ! A man that can write editorials with such music sounding in his ears, can easily walk the telegraph wires and turn somersaults in the branches of a thorn bush."

> Pilgrim Rock has been called the corner-stone of civilization. The Irishman's toast at a New England dinner: "Plymouth Rock, the blarney stone of America."

"I'm afraid you'll come to want." said an old lady to a young gentleman. "I have comesto want, already," was the reply; " Irwant your daughter."